



CHARLES COUNTY 2005 AGRICULTURAL PROFILE

<i>Farm Numbers</i> ¹	<i>1992</i>	<i>1997</i> ³	<i>2002</i>
<i>Number of Farms</i>	496	451	418
<i>Average Size (acres)</i>	120	126	125
<i>Land in Farms (acres)</i>	59,389	56,648	52,056
<i>Livestock Inventory</i> ¹	<i>1992</i>	<i>1997</i> ³	<i>2002</i>
<i>Cattle</i>	3,064	3,068	2,797
<i>Hogs</i>	4,407	1,575	309
<i>Sheep</i>	389	500	368
<i>2002 Value of Sales</i> ¹			
<i>All Products (\$1,000)</i>			6,384
<i>Grains & Oilseeds (\$1,000)</i>			1,849
<i>Nursery & Greenhouse (\$1,000)</i>			1,302
<i>Vegetables (\$1,000)</i>			885
<i>Demographic Data</i> ¹	<i>1992</i>	<i>1997</i> ³	<i>2002</i>
<i>Average Age of Operator</i>	54.0	53.6	56.7
<i>Percent Female Operators</i>	6.8	10.4	18.7
<i>2002 Equine Census</i>			
<i>Number of Equine Places</i>			490
<i>Equine Inventory</i>			7,375
<i>Value of Equine Inventory</i>			\$1,640,000

<i>Crop Production Acres</i> <i>Rank among Maryland Counties, 2002</i> ¹			
<i>Corn for Grain</i>	20	<i>Soybeans</i>	14
<i>Barley</i>	20	<i>Vegetables</i>	17
<i>Forage</i>	13	<i>Wheat</i>	15

<i>Livestock & Poultry Inventories</i> <i>Rank among Maryland Counties, 2002</i> ¹			
<i>Beef Cattle</i>	13	<i>Milk Cows</i>	18
<i>Broilers</i>	18	<i>Sheep</i>	14
<i>Hogs</i>	17		

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<i>Crop</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Acreage Harvested</i>	<i>Yield</i>	<i>Total Production</i>
<i>Corn for Grain (bushels)</i>	2003	5,600	123.4	690,900
	2004	5,300	145.6	771,800
	2005	4,900	101.5	497,400
<i>Corn for Silage (tons)</i>	2003	*	*	*
	2004	*	*	*
	2005	*	*	*
<i>Soybeans (bushels)</i>	2003	10,100	28.4	287,000
	2004	11,600	36.3	420,900
	2005	11,400	26.6	303,000
<i>Wheat (bushels)</i>	2003	3,200	37.0	118,400
	2004	3,100	55.2	171,244
	2005	2,500	50.4	126,000
<i>Hay (tons)</i>	2003	4,800	2.0	9,700
	2004	4,600	2.7	12,200
	2005	4,600	2.2	10,200
<i>Barley (bushels)</i>	2003	*	*	*
	2004	*	*	*
	2005	*	*	*

* Acreage too small to publish.

	<i>2003</i>	<i>2004</i>	<i>2005</i>
<i>Cropland Cash Rents (per acre)</i>	\$30.95	\$36.11	\$35.08

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